

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY—FORENSIC SCIENCE ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: The Role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Pete Marone, Director, Technical Services, Department of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; John Hicks, former, FBI Laboratory, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Lands and Emergency Management held a hearing on EDA Reauthorization: Rating Past Performances and Setting Goals During an Economic Crisis. Testimony was heard from the Sandra R. Walters, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Transportation; Jonathan Sallet, former Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Planning and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VA BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

CLIMATE REMEDIATION POLICIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of potential climate remediation policies on carbon-intensive United States industries and creating climate-friendly economic and trade policies, focusing on ways the financial crisis impacts the implementation of climate-friendly policies within the United States and among trading partners, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Morgenstern, Resources for the Future, Trevor Houser, Rhodium Group Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Rob Bradley, World Resources Institute, all of Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 231)

S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building". Signed on March 9, 2009. (Public Law 111-7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in America, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Assessment of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, 9:30 a.m., on Innovative Prisoner Reentry, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Soldier Equipment, Ergonomics and Injuries, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army and Marine Corps Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and Government Operations, on SEC Actions Relating to the Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security challenges arising from the global financial crisis, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Tracking and Disrupting Terrorist Financial Networks: A Potential Model for Inter-Agency Success? 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Members' Day, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on How Do You Fix Our Ailing Food Safety System? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following: S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Mortgage Lending Reform: A Comprehensive Review of the American Mortgage System, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on The Summit of the Americas: A New Beginning for U.S. Policy in the Region? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "The Mumbai Attacks: A Wake-Up Call for America's Private Sector," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Circuit City Unplugged: Why Did Chapter 11 Fail to Save 34,000 Jobs? 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Peeling Back the TARP: Exposing Treasury's Failure to Monitor the Ways Financial Institutions are Using Taxpayer Funds Provided under the Troubled Assets Relief Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1262, Water Quality Investment Act of 2009, 3:30 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on FutureGen and the Department of Energy's Advanced Coal Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled "Impact of Food Recalls on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, and Maritime Transportation, hearing on overview of Coast Guard Drug and Migrant Interdiction, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider Budget Views and Estimates to be submitted to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to consider pending business, 4:45 p.m., 304, HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.